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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed June 20, 2006, and the Request for Continued Examination (R.C.E.) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 filed concurrently within. Applicant respectfully requests the Examiner to enter this Preliminary Amendment and consider the following remarks.